## **Support for SB 113**



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I am the daughter of an adoptee and I believe that all people should have access to their original birth certificates with their biological parents names on it. People in other states have access to this information when they either turn 16 or 18 but Connecticut is one of the few well know states that does not allow this. Even when trying to go through a genealogist or private detective, once they find that you live in Connecticut they immediately say they cannot help. My father was born October 24, 1963 and has never had the choice of having access to his original birth certificate. As he has gotten older, his desire for being able to at least contact his biological mother or her family has grown. He just wants to let her know that he appreciates her decision to put him up for adoption since she was not ready to be a single mother, he was adopted by a wonderful family, that he has a good life and holds no ill will towards her. Over the past year the desire for knowing family medical history has become more important because he recently experienced a stroke and silent heart attack. Knowing his families medical history is very important because it would have also helped when he learned at the age of 30 that he was diabetic.